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COMMANDING OFFICER

01 JANUARY 1986 TO 31 DECEMBER 1986 - COMMANDER ROY W. TOBIN, USN

CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN - 05 JAN	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
06 JAN - 08 JAN	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREA
09 JAN - 22 JAN	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
23 JAN - 24 JAN	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREA
25 JAN - 28 JAN	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
29 JAN	UNDERWAY NORTH ISLAND NAVAL AIR STATION
30 JAN - 01 FEB	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
02 FEB - 07 FEB	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREA
08 FEB - 03 MAR	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
04 MAR - 06 MAR	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREA
07 MAR - 13 MAR	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
14 MAR - 18 MAR	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREA
19 MAR - 01 APR	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
02 APR - 03 APR	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREA
04 APR - 17 APR	UNDERWAY EASTERN PACIFIC
18 APR	UNDERWAY ENROUTE VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA
19 APR - 21 APR	INPORT VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA
22 APR - 25 APR	UNDERWAY ENROUTE SAN DIEGO, CA
26 APR - 19 MAY	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
20 MAY - 01 JUN	UNDERWAY EASTERN PACIFIC
02 JUN - 04 JUN	UNDERWAY ENROUTE PORTLAND, OR
05 JUN - 09 JUN	INPORT PORTLAND, OR
10 JUN - 11 JUN	UNDERWAY ENROUTE SAN FRANCISCO, CA
12 JUN	ANCHORED SAN FRANCISCO, CA
13 JUN - 15 JUN	INPORT SAN FRANCISCO, CA
16 JUN - 17 JUN	UNDERWAY ENROUTE SAN DIEGO, CA
18 JUN - 29 JUN	INPORT SAN DIEGO
30 JUN - 03 JUL	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREA
04 JUL - 06 JUL	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
07 JUL - 11 JUL	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREA
12 JUL - 12 AUG	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
13 AUG - 28 AUG	UNDERWAY EASTERN PACIFIC
29 AUG - 14 SEP	INPORT SEATTLE, WA
15 SEP	UNDERWAY INDIAN ISLAND, WA
16 SEP - 19 SEP	UNDERWAY NANOOSE BAY, VICTORIA, B. C.
20 SEP - 24 SEP	INPORT ESQUIMALT, BRITISH COLUMBIA
25 SEP - 17 OCT	UNDERWAY EASTERN PACIFIC
18 OCT - 04 NOV	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
05 NOV - 21 NOV	UNDERWAY EASTERN PACIFIC
22 NOV - 09 DEC	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
10 DEC - 14 DEC	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREA
15 DEC - 31 DEC	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

USS KINKAID SPENT 1986 IN PREPARATION FOR AND THE CONDUCT OF OVER FOUR MONTHS OF COORDINATED, OFFENSIVE ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE OPERATIONS IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC. KINKAID WAS A MEMBER OF DESTROYER SQUADRON THIRTY-ONE, "THE RED STALLIONS", WHICH IS THE PACIFIC FLEET ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE SQUADRON. DESRON THIRTY-ONE'S MISSION WAS TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE, PASSIVE ASW OPERATIONS AGAINST SUBMARINES IN THE EASTERN AND MIDDLE PACIFIC AREAS OF OPERATION AND TO TEST AND DEVELOP ASW TACTICS AND EQUIPMENT. THE YEAR STARTED WITH KINKAID INPORT SAN DIEGO FOR THE HOLIDAY STANDOWN PERIOD UNTIL 05 JANUARY. ON 06 - 08 JANUARY, KINKAID WAS UNDERWAY IN THE SOCAL OPAREA CONDUCTING A PRE-OVERHAUL TEST AND INSPECTION {POT&I} IN PREPARATION FOR THE 1987 REGULAR OVERHAUL {ROH}. ALSO, KINKAID EMBARKED AN SH-3 SEA STALLION ANTI-SUBMARINE SQUADRON EIGHT DETACHMENT FOR DECK LAND QUALIFICATIONS. KINKAID WAS INPORT SAN DIEGO FROM 09 - 22 JANUARY. DURING THIS PERIOD THE INPORT PHASE OF POT&I AND THE INPORT PHASE OF A SURPRISE COMNAVJSURFPAC OPERATIONAL PROPULSION PLANT RE-EVALUATION {OPPRE} WAS CONDUCTED. THE OPBRE WAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AT SEA IN THE SOCAL OPAREA ON 23 AND 24 JANUARY. THE SHIP REMAINED INPORT SAN DIEGO FROM 25 JANUARY UNTIL 01 FEBRUARY.

FROM 02 TO 07 FEBRUARY, KINKAID CONDUCTED SPECIAL OPERATIONS OFF THE COAST OF SAN DIEGO. KINKAID CONDUCTED SURVEILLANCE ON A SOVIET INTELLIGENCE GATHERING SHIP STATIONED OFF THE WEST COAST. THE SHIP REMAINED INPORT SAN DIEGO UNTIL 03 MARCH, COMPLETING A SURPRISE NTPI INSPECTION, TWO IMAV AVAILABILITIES, INITIAL SHIP'S FORCE OVERHAUL MANAGEMENT TRAINING {SFOMS}, AND TMA AND ORDNANCE TEAM TRAINERS.

FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS, KINKAID WAS UNDERWAY FOR TRAINING OPERATIONS IN THE SOCAL OPAREA. AFTER AN INPORT PERIOD THROUGH 13 MARCH, KINKAID RETURNED TO THE SOCAL OPAREA TO ACT AS PLANE GUARD FOR THE USS CARL VINSON {CVN-70}. KINKAID REMAINED INPORT SAN DIEGO, COMPLETING AN AVIATION READINESS EVALUATION AND PREPARING FOR THE A NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT REQUALIFICATION EXERCISE BY CONDUCTING AN ONBOARD NGFS TEAM TRAINER.

ON 03 APRIL, KINKAID EMBARKED AN SH-2 SEA SPRITE DETACHMENT, HSL 35 DET 6, COMPLETED THE NGFS EXERCISE AT THE SAN CLEMENTE GUNNERY RANGE AND RECEIVED A GRADE OF OUTSTANDING FOR THE SHIP'S FINE SHOOTING. KINKAID THEN PROCEEDED TO THE EASTERN PACIFIC WITH THE OTHER SHIPS OF DESRON THIRTY-ONE FOR ASW OPS 86-3. KINKAID HAD A PORT VISIT TO VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA FROM 19 TO 21 APRIL. KINKAID TRANSITED BACK TO SAN DIEGO AND ARRIVED INPORT ON 25 OF APRIL.

FROM 26 APRIL TO 19 MAY KINKAID REMAINED INPORT SAN DIEGO, COMPLETING A SIMA SAN DIEGO IMAV, INTERMEDIATE COMBAT SYSTEM TEAM TRAINER, TMA TRAINER, A RAVIER ONBOARD TRAINER, CMS ASSIST VISIT AND A COMMAND ACTION {CAT} TEAM VISIT. THE SHIP ALSO PREPARED FOR INTERIM REFRESHER TRAINING BY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE TRAINING AND READINESS EVALUATION {TRE}.

KINKAID WAS UNDERWAY WITH HSL 35 DET 6, IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC, ON ASW OPS 86-4 WITH DESRON THIRTY-ONE ON 20 MAY THROUGH 4 JUNE. FROM 5 TO 9 JUNE, KINKAID WAS INPORT PORTLAND OREGON DURING THE PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL. THE SHIP HOSTED GENERAL VISITING DURING THE ENTIRE PORT VISIT AND A BREAKFAST FOR THE ROSE FESTIVAL QUEEN THE HER COURT. THE SHIP'S BASEBALL AND BASKETBALL TEAMS PARTICIPATED IN LOCAL TOURNAMENTS AND THE KINKAID BED RACING TEAM WON FIRST PLACE IN ROSE FESTIVAL BED RACE. ON 12 JUNE, KINKAID

ANCHORED IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY TO OFFLOAD AMMUNITION AT NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, CONCORD CA AND FOLLOWED WITH A PORT VISIT IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE SHIP HOSTED OVER 1,500 VISITORS DURING THE PORT VISIT AT PIER 45, FISHERMANS WHARF. KINKAID TRANSITED BACK TO SAN DIEGO AND REMAINED IN PORT 18 TO 29 JUNE PREPARING FOR INTERIM REFTRA. KINKAID COMMENCED REFTRA ON 30 JUNE, RETURNED TO PORT IN SAN DIEGO FOR THE WEEKEND AND THEN RETURNED TO THE SOCAL OPAREA AND COMPLETED REFTRA ON 11 JULY. THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER OF 1986, KINKAID HOSTED ONE GROUP OF MIDSHIPMEN AND KINKAID'S RESERVE UNIT {KINKAID 6511} FROM WACO TEXAS. THE MIDSHIPMEN WERE ABOARD FOR SUMMER TRAINING FROM 18 MAY TO 9 JUNE AND THE RESERVE UNIT WAS ABOARD FROM 28 JULY TO 8 AUGUST.

KINKAID REMAINED INPORT SAN DIEGO THROUGH 12 AUGUST. KINKAID SPONSORED A DEPENDENTS DAY CRUISE ON 13 AUGUST. THAT SAME DAY, THE SHIP EMBARKED HSL 35 DET 6, RESPONDED TO A SHORT NOTICE SORTIE WITH HER SISTER SHIPS IN DESRON THIRTY-ONE AND CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE PASSIVE ASW OPERATIONS IN THE NORTH EASTERN PACIFIC. KINKAID ARRIVED IN SEATTLE WASHINGTON ON 28 AUGUST FOR A TWO WEEK UPKEEP PERIOD AND REMAINED ON A 24 HOUR ALERT. KINKAID DEPARTED SEATTLE ON 15 SEPTEMBER TO ONLOAD AMMUNITION AT INDIAN ISLAND WASHINGTON AND THEN PROCEEDED TO THE NANOOSE BAY SOAR RANGE OFF VANCOUVER ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA. KINKAID COMPLETED ASW TRACKING AND TARGETING EXERCISES ON THE RANGE INCLUDING AN OVER THE SIDE TORPEDO SHOT AND AN AIR DELIVERED TORPEDO BY THE EMBARKED LAMPS HELO. AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE EXERCISES, KINKAID ARRIVED IN ESQUIMALT, BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR A PORT VISIT. KINKAID DEPARTED ESQUIMALT ON 25 SEPTEMBER AGAIN ON A SHORT NOTICE SORTIE WITH THE SHIPS OF DESRON THIRTY-ONE AND COMMENCED PASSIVE OFFENSIVE ASW OPERATIONS, ASW OPS 86-5, IN THE NORTH EASTERN AND MIDDLE PACIFIC AREAS OF OPERATION. KINKAID COMPLETED THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL OPS AND RETURNED TO SAN DIEGO ON 17 OCTOBER.

WHILE REMAINING INPORT FROM 18 OCTOBER TO 4 NOVEMBER, KINKAID COMPLETED TWO CONCURRENT IMAVS. AGAIN WITH HSL 35 DET 6 EMBARKED, KINKAID CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE PASSIVE OPERATIONS IN ASW OPS 87-1 IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC FROM 5 TO 21 NOVEMBER. FROM 22 NOVEMBER UNTIL 9 DECEMBER KINKAID REMAINED INPORT SAN DIEGO. KINKAID WAS UNDERWAY ON 10-14 DECEMBER IN THE SOCAL OPAREA FOR PLANE GUARD DUTIES WITH THE USS CONSTELLATION {CV-64} AND NGFS SPOTTER SERVICES AT THE SAN CLEMENTE GUNNERY RANGE. KINKAID RETURNED TO SAN DIEGO AND ENTERED A HOLIDAY STANDOWN UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, KINKAID HOSTED SEVERAL SHIP TOURS FOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING OVER 300 GUESTS OF THE NAVY DURING THE UP-RIVER AND DOWN-RIVER CRUISES DURING THE PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL, THE ANGELS AND BUNNYS DRILL TEAM FROM CHICAGO ILLINOIS AND LOCAL BOY SCOUT AND BOYS CLUB GROUPS.



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(2) USS KINKAID (DD 965) Welcome Aboard Brochure
(3) USS KINKAID (DD 965) Officer Social Roster dated 18 Nov 87
(4) USS KINKAID (DD 965) Shipboard Living Guide

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.


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USS KINKAID (DD 965) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1987

MISSION: ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

KINKAID'S ISIC FROM 01 JANUARY 1987 TO 31 DECEMBER 1987 WAS COMMANDER,
DESTROYER SQUADRON THIRTY-THREE.

COMMANDING OFFICER OF USS KINKAID (01 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1987): COMMANDER
ROY W. TOBIN, USN.

HOMEPORT: (01 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1987) SAN DIEGO, CA

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22 JAN - 23 JAN	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREA
24 JAN - 22 FEB	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
23 FEB	COMMENCE REGULAR OVERHAUL AT NATIONAL STEEL AND SHIPBUILDING COMPANY, SAN DIEGO, CA
06 MAR	COMPLETE CREW MOVE OFF OF SHIP
16 JUL - 29 OCT	DRYDOCK SHIP
30 OCT	UNDOCK SHIP
31 DEC	INPORT AT NATIONAL STEEL AND SHIPBUILDING COMPANY, SAN DIEGO, CA

Enclosure (1)

KINKAID STARTED THE NEW YEAR INPORT, COMPLETING HOLIDAY STANDDOWN DURING THE PERIOD 01 JANUARY TO 04 JANUARY. FROM 05 JANUARY TO 11 JANUARY, KINKAID REMAINED INPORT IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA FOR ROUTINE UPKEEP. THE SHIP THEN DEPARTED ON 12 JANUARY FOR THE SOCAL OPAREA FOR TYPE TRAINING WHERE SHE STAYED UNTIL DEPARTING ENROUTE FOR SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA ON 15 JANUARY. KINKAID ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO ON 16 JANUARY FOR A PORT VISIT WHICH LASTED UNTIL 19 JANUARY. KINKAID WAS UNDERWAY ON 20 JANUARY, ENROUTE TO SAN DIEGO. UPON ENTERING THE SOCAL OPAREA ON 22 JANUARY, SHE COMMENCED MORE TYPE TRAINING EXERCISES. ON 24 JANUARY, KINKAID ARRIVED IN SAN DIEGO, WHERE SHE BEGAN A FOUR WEEK PERIOD OF UPKEEP AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE IN PREPARATION FOR ENTERING REGULAR OVERHAUL. KINKAID GOT UNDERWAY FROM HER BERTH AT 32ND STREET NAVAL STATION, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA ON 23 FEBRUARY, AND ARRIVED AT NATIONAL STEEL AND SHIPBUILDING COMPANY (NASSCO) SHIPYARD TO COMMENCE AN ELEVEN MONTH REGULAR OVERHAUL. KINKAID'S CREW COMPLETED ITS MOVE OFF THE SHIP ON 06 MARCH 1987. ON 16 JULY 1987, KINKAID WAS DRYDOCKED IN THE NATIONAL STEEL AND SHIPBUILDING SHIPYARD'S FLOATING DRYDOCK, AND REMAINED DRYDOCKED UNTIL 30 OCTOBER 1987, WHEN SHE WAS REFLOATED AND POSITIONED AT PIER THREE AT NASSCO. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, KINKAID WAS REPOSITIONED AT PIER TWO, NASSCO, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, WHERE SHE REMAINED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AS OF 31 DECEMBER 1987, THE SHIPYARD HAD COMPLETED ONLY 75% OF KINKAID'S OVERHAUL.



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COMMAND HISTORY - 1988

With a blast of the ship's whistle topside and a multitude of lights and alarms in Central Control Station below decks, the fighting ship KINKAID ushered in 1988 - with the ship and crew enduring its eleventh month of what became a sixteen month "regular" overhaul (ROH) at the National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) in San Diego California. The myriad of SUPSHIP, NASSCO, and SFOMS update meetings continued on a weekly and sometimes daily basis. Engineers prepared for the Light Off Examination. Operations and Combat Systems personnel continued to train on their equipment, while also preparing for Sea Trials and the post-ROH certifications and tests which were inevitable. The tedium was periodically disturbed by flammable liquid leaks as systems were restored or by other incidents, such as on February 24th when Radio was discovered unmanned and open. On February 27th, the ship's company welcomed the new CO, CDR John M. Cochrane and bade farewell to the departing CO, CDR Roy W. Tobin. Two weeks later crew moveaboard finally took place. On March 11th, a freon leak on the Reefer Decks which resulted in minor personnel injuries reminded the crew of the inherent dangers they faced in returning systems to normal operation. A week earlier, on March 4th, a Class "A" fire in the Supply Officer's Stateroom destroyed the ship's portrait of ADM T.C KINKAID. NASSCO was found liable and was tasked with compensating for its loss. On March 28th, the crew's home for the preceding thirteen months, YRBM-31, was towed away for repair and return to some other crew who would soon begin ROH. On April 3rd, the ship observed and shifted to Pacific Daylight Savings Time. COMNAVSURFPAC, VADM G. W. Davis, Jr visited the ship on May 16th, two weeks prior to the commencement of the long awaited Light Off Exam. The engineers successfully completed LOE on June 2nd. Fifteen months of training and preparation finally paid off when NR 3 GTG was started during the final day of the exam. During continued shipyard work on NR 3 GTG on June 8th, a freon flush of the generator-end resulted in a freon leak. Ship's company handled the casualty handily and no personnel injuries resulted. On June 29th, after the previous day's Dock Trails and Fast Cruise, the ship sounded one prolonged blast on the ship's whistle and played the "Hallelujah Chorus" as the words "Underway, Shift Colors!" were spoken for the first time in over fifteen months in the Pilothouse by the underway Officer of the Deck, LT (b) (6).

From June 29th to July 2nd, the ship conducted her post-ROH Sea Trials. During these four days, ship's company regained their sea legs while all available systems got their initial underway shakedown. 5" 54 cal MK 45 Lightweight Gun Mounts (LWGM's) were fired, Nixie and the new SQR-19 TACTAS tail were deployed, flight quarters was held, a swing ship was conducted, Close in Weapons Systems were fired, and watchstander training was emphasized. Just two days before the Nation's 212th birthday, on July 2nd the ship returned to NAVSTA San Diego where she tied up outboard of CGN-36, USS CALIFORNIA at Pier 8. In the next six months, there were to be ten more underway periods, none though was to be more satisfying than the initial underway which meant KINKAID's exodus from the grips of the shipyard. On July 11th, the ship got underway for continued Sea Trials. During this three day at-sea period, exercises were conducted which included ECC drills, flight operations, 50 cal gun firings, TACTAS employment, and on Abandon Ship Drill. A 30 day post-overhaul SIMA "R" availability took place from mid July to mid August. Much work was deferred to this "R" availability owing in part to the long idle period experienced by most equipment and in part to the quality of the recently completed ROH work. KINKAID's reservists visited the ship from 07 -14 August. On August 22nd, the third underway period following overhaul

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began. This four-day period of SOCAL OPS saw the ship conduct a precision anchorage, flight operations, a full power run, a countermeasures washdown system test, as well as firing of both LWGMs and CIWS batteries. The ship returned to pier 8, NAVSTA San Diego on August 25th for the weekend. During the week of August 29th, the ship was underway in SOCAL OPAREA and the Pacific Missile Test Range (PMTR). On the 31st of August, the ship successfully fired a NATO Sea Sparrow missile at a drone while operating in the PMTR. Over the course of that four-day underway period the ship also conducted flight operations, a precision anchorage, and man overboard drills. The engineers experienced a hydraulic oil leak on the port OD box, but they quickly responded and brought the propulsion plant back to full capabilities. Two weeks passed inport while ship's company continued to work with the now-awakened systems. AN/SQQ-89 connectorization problems remained the thorn in the Combat Systems Officer's side, while the engineers continuously wrestled with the interminable series of emergent engineering plant casualties.

On September 12th, VADM G. W. Davis, Jr honored the ship by having lunch onboard and providing some well-received words of advice and encouragement to the ship's wardroom. Three days later, a Class "C" fire occurred in NR1 switchboard. Ship's company controlled the casualty, with four personnel being treated for minor smoke inhalation. A second availability, this with the USS CAPE COD, commenced in late September and continued for three weeks into early October. The ship got underway on September 19th to conduct flight operations, as well as to shoot LWGM's, conduct ECC drills and a simulated underway replenishment (UNREP) with USNS KAWISHIWI. All evolutions were executed flawlessly. In addition to the normal marine life sightings, a large group of red, white, and blue balloons was sighted. Conjectured to be the remains of some America's Cup '88 festivity, the group of balloons was the target of an imprompt anti-mine exercise using M-14's and 50 cal guns. The ship also had the honor of burying at sea two departed ex-Navy men during this underway period. After returning to port on September 23rd, the ship commenced a four week inport period during which a two week SIMA "S" availability began. On October 24th, the ship returned to SOCAL OPAREA. This five-day underway period saw the ship conduct more ECC drills, flight operations, and gun shoots. Also during this period, the ship successfully conducted an actual UNREP with USNS KAWISHIWI, receiving 120,000 gallons of F-76 fuel. A man overboard drill with the rescue swimmer retrieving "OSCAR" was successfully conducted on October 28th. The ship returned to port on October 28th and shifted to Pacific Standard Time at 0200 on October 30th. Three days later on November 3rd the ship got underway to conduct an Engineering Mobile Training Team (Phase Two) visit. The ship also conducted flight operations during this underway period. On returning to port the ship stopped at Bravo Pier at NAS North Island (NASNI) to onload Harpoon and 5" projectiles. While maneuvering to re-enter the channel from NASNI, a line parted on Tug 61 ("MISTER DON") resulting in one casualty onboard the tug. On November 10th, the ship conducted pierside flight operations with HSL 45. The ship was underway the week of November 15th to conduct Weapons Systems Accuracy Trials (WSAT) for the ASW weapons systems. Despite emergent problems with the ship's EM log, the crew persevered and on November 18th at 1342 successfully launched an ASROC while on the San Clemente Island Underwater Range. The ship returned late that afternoon to pier 2 at NAVSTA 32nd street. The next three weeks were spent in upkeep, in conjunction with a 10 day USS JASON "A" availability.

On November 23rd, the ship passed its Supply Management Assessment (SMA). On December 6th, the ship got underway for its first port visit since January 1987. The two day transit to San Francisco saw the ship conduct MTT (Phase three) as well as Outboard "C" tests. The ship successfully anchored at explosive anchorage NR 12 in S.F. Bay on December 8th. The next day, the ship received ASROC, torpedoes, and more 5" projectiles via an alongside crane/barge from the Naval Weapons Station, Concord, CA. Later that day, the ship moored at Pier 30/32 for a weekend's port visit to the S.F Bay area. The visit was a great success and morale booster for ship's company. There were no liberty incidents during the visit. On December 13th, the ship moved from Pier 30/32 to NAS Alameda to tie up outboard USS SAMUEL GOMPERS to change out NR One Gas Turbine Generator. The engine changeout took three days. In the early morning of December 16th, the ship departed NAS Alameda for San Diego. The ship's return to San Diego in the afternoon of the 17th began the 1st holiday leave period for many of the crew. Four days later, a SIMA "R" availability which would run into 1989 began.

The changeout of NR 1 GTG while in San Francisco seemed to be a fitting end to a year consisting of grooming ship's systems following Regular Overhaul which resulted in repeated equipment failures and frequent schedule changes. Gun shoots, missile firings, UNREPS, Link-EX's, awards ceremonies, and a large number of advancements contributed positively to crew morale and readiness.

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D. T. HART, JR.

USS KINKAID (DD 965) COMMAND HISTORY 1989

USS KINKAID completed a Christmas leave and upkeep period in San Diego to start the year off at a fast pace by moving immediately into a quarter replete with inspections the first of which was a Command Inspection 16-24 January conducted by Commander, Destroyer Squadron Thirty-Three. An overall score of satisfactory was assigned, with cleanliness and the Ship's Office lack of efficiency being noted as the two biggest deficiencies. On the 31st of January, COMDESRON THREE THREE returned to the ship for a three day Combat Systems Assessment. The areas of AAW and ASW were evaluated as unsatisfactory, communications and material support were marginal. An overall grade of unsatisfactory was assigned. INSURV almost immediately followed from 6-10 February. After INSURV, a brief inspection reprieve for the crew began with a Command Physical Readiness Test.

An ammunition onload at Naval Air Station North Island (23-24 Feb) was one of numerous preparations for REFTRA that began on 27 February, and continued until 17 March. During REFTRA a target was totally destroyed by a NATO Seasparrow fired on 3 March. While at anchor on 7 March, a crewmember jumped overboard in an attempt to swim to shore. A boat from FLEET TRAINING GROUP SAN DIEGO retrieved the individual and turned him over to the base police. The end of REFTRA was highlighted by a MK 46 torpedo shot and coordinated ASW OPS with the USS RENTZ, USS SALT LAKE CITY, and VP-46.

OPPE (21-23 March) marked the end of an inspection filled quarter. An overall score of satisfactory was assigned, with operations and material viewed as below average and administration deemed unsatisfactory.

Underway from San Diego on 27 March for 4 days, the ship conducted NGFS and WSAT II while operating independently in the Southern California operating area.

1 April, the start of a new quarter, was marked by change as the USS KINKAID transferred from DESTROYER SQUADRON THIRTY-THREE to DESTROYER SQUADRON FIVE. USS KINKAID was underway 10-13 April for AN/SQQ-89 (V) training, as well as an underway replenishment from USS KISKA. Upon entering port, the ship was assigned as visit ship from 14-16 April. During this time, 2300 visitors toured the ship including VADM Samuel L. Gravely, USN (RET) and a contingent from the Patrol Craft Sailors Association.

KINKAID was underway again on 21 April for a port visit in Port Hueneme (22-23 April). After a brief stop back in San Diego, USS KINKAID went back to sea as the flagship for COMDESRON TWO ONE during MEFEX 89-5 (8-12 May). From 13 May to 16 June the ship prepared for deployment.

On June 16, the ship departed her homeport of San Diego in company with USS RENTZ for a six month deployment to the Persian gulf with transit stops in Pearl Harbor (22-23 June), Subic Bay, RP (7-14 July) and Singapore (18-21 July). A call for help on the 27th of June sent the USS KINKAID racing off at maximum speed. The sailing vessel MIMI had run aground on a reef about one thousand miles northwest of Hawaii. A helo launched from USS KINKAID rescued MIMI's four crew members, who were later transferred to NAF MIDWAY. July ended with a weapons accident on the 26th.

As cell number seven of the ASROC launcher was being elevated, the snubbers released allowing the ASROC in the cell to fall 8.125 inches aft. Only minimal damage was suffered by the ASROC.

INCHOP to the MID-EAST FORCE occurred on 28 July with a turn over from the USS CROMMELIN taking place on 01 August. KINKAID arrived in Bahrain for the first of numerous visits on 02 AUGUST, and departed the next day for Abu-Dhabi. While in Abu-Dhabi, KINKAID hosted the CHARGES D'AFFAIRES and eight embassy staff members for a luncheon. Two hundred KINKAID sailors were hosted at a reception at the Marine House in Abu-Dhabi. Departing Abu-Dhabi on 08 August, after a wonderful port visit, KINKAID proceeded to Strait of Hormuz Eastern Patrol Area for twenty-six EARNEST WILL missions and twenty-five demanding transits of the Strait of Hormuz overall.

COMDESRON TWO TWO arrived onboard 10 August for a briefing. On 14 August KINKAID personnel in-briefed the USS JACK WILLIAMS, USS BOONE, and the USS DEYO on Persain Gulf operations. Thus, ten days after arriving in the Persain Gulf, KINKAID had proven herself as an expert in this challenging environment. In all, six ships received operations in-briefs from KINKAID during the time assigned to the Persain Gulf.

On 01 October LCDR Solem was relieved by LCDR Cunningham as Executive Officer. RADM Fogarty, Commander MiddleEast Force visited KINKAID on 04 October, as did his deputy BGEN Burr, USAF, on 22 October.

Brief stops for fuel were accomplished in Fujairah, UAE on 16 August, 21 September, and 27 October. Brief stops for fuel also took place in Mina-Jebel Ali, UAE on 07 September and 18 October. The ship anchored in the SITRAH Anchorage at Bahrain 19-21 and 28-30 of August. OUTCHOP from MID-EAST FORCE took place on 31 October, following a turnover at anchorage to USS GARY at Fujairah, UAE.

Stopping only briefly in Sri Lanka (3-4 November) for fuel, KINKAID, with USS RENTZ in company, then proceeded to Phuket, Thailand, for its first liberty port since Abu-Dhabi. KINKAID and RENTZ were inport Phuket from 7-11 November. KINKAID and RENTZ transited in company while enroute to and from the Persian Gulf.

On the morning of November 12, while transiting the Strait of Malacca, KINKAID was involved in a collision with the merchant vessel KOTA PETANI. In addition to severe damage to KINKAID'S starboard side in the vicinity of frame 400, fires immediately erupted, engulfing the area in flames. A tremendous Damage Control effort by the crew resulted in the fires rapidly being put out, flooding being brought under control and damage contained. Lieutenant Sean McPhee, the ship's Navigator was killed instantly in his stateroom as a result of the impact of the collision. Also due to the the collision, four Chief Petty Officers were forced to escape the fires and flooding by egressing from the hole in the hull created in After Officer Quarters berthing. They were later recovered by KINKAID'S motor whale boat and transferred to RENTZ who took them to Singapore for hospital care. Later that day, KINKAID proceeded under her own power towards Singapore for temporary repairs, arriving there on 14 November. RADM Chesbrough, Commander Task Force Seventy Five, arrived on 13 November to conduct an investigation of the incident, and debarked in Singapore. Following his relief for cause as a result of the collision, CDR John M. Cochrane was relieved by CDR David T. Hart, Jr., as Commanding Officer on 24 November while KINKAID was inport Singapore.

During his visit on 15 December VADM Mauz, Commander Seventh Fleet, awarded numerous medals to KINKAID crewmen as a result of their heroism following the collision.

Temporary repairs, including a large patch which covered the damaged area, were conducted by Smit Tak Corporation at FEL Shipyard in Singapore. These temporary repairs were completed on 17 December, and on 18 December KINKAID departed enroute Subic Bay, the Republic of the Philippines. The ship arrived at Nabassan Wharf on 22 December for an offload of ammunition. Following defueling, KINKAID entered dry-dock (AFDM-5) on 29 December to undergo permanent collision damage repairs. On 22 December the first of three groups departed for a special leave period sponsored by COMNAVSURFPAC, which allowed KINKAID sailors to see their families at home over the holiday season. The year ended with repairs progressing steadily in dry-dock, and the crew working hard to return KINKAID to being a front line destroyer of the Pacific Fleet.